

Community Development

Director's Report

Monday, June 7, 2021



05/2021

ECDA Community Outreach

Monthly Report

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ECDA
(as of 06.01.21)

Outreach Events

Sunset Stroll

Friday, June 4th @ 100 North Schuyler Avenue

The ECDA will be hosting a table at this event for information sharing and community engagement for all of our programs.

Neighborhood Walks Initiative

April 30 and May 7 & 14

The ECDA is out walking neighborhoods, aiming for at least once a week, to bring program information directly to the doorsteps of residents. ECDA doorhangers regarding the Lead Abatement Program were distributed to 192 Single-Family & Rental Units in Wards 1 & 5 since the last report.

Ward 5 Needs Assessment

Wednesday, May 19th 6:00pm

Kankakee First Church of the Nazare

Each month, the ECDA conducts a needs assessment in each ward, rotating to a new ward month-to-month. This month 6 residents, 2 ECDA representatives and both Ward 5 alderpersons attended the meeting.

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Outreach Events

Empower 2 Enlighten Pop-Up Market May 1st, 2021 @ Acorn Building

The ECDA participated in pop-up market for home-based businesses. The ECDA met with the individual businesses to hear their goals and needs for their business and community. A round-table discussion was also offered to address any needs for starting a business in Kankakee. A total of 15 businesses were engaged. Many of them were minority-owned and operated businesses.

Community Needs Surveys Final Numbers

A week by week schedule was created to try and distribute survey information among community through the end of April. Final survey submission #s are:

- o Housing - 135
- o Non-Housing - 63
- o Homeless - 69
- o Economic - 54

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Additional Outreach

Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Meetings Tuesday, May 4

The ECDA has a staff member that is the chair of the Ambassadors Committee and is able to mix in sharing City/ECDA updates as well.

Public Services Public Hearing Monday, May 17

The ECDA held a public hearing to review applications for CDBG Public Service grant funding.

Kankakee County Hispanic Partnership Meetings Thursday, May 27

The ECDA has a staff member as a representative on this committee.

Continuum of Care Meetings Thursday, May 6

The ECDA has a staff member as vice president of this group and is able to share City/ECDA updates. The entire group is in recess for the summer, but a smaller continuum is still meeting every other Monday this summer to prepare for the lifting of the eviction moratorium anticipated this Fall.

CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Hearing Saturday, May 22

The ECDA held a public hearing to receive feedback from the community about their proposed budget for 2021-2022 CDBG funding.

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Media and Online Outreach

ECDA Monthly Update Email

The ECDA monthly update email has a contact list of 561 recipients. Anyone can sign up for this email list on the City website under the ECDA tab under Meeting Information.

Successfully Sent: 555

Open Rate: 29%

Press/Media Numbers, Social Media and Online Engagement

24 ECDA-related social media posts went out during the month of May on Facebook.

Website Engagement - Over 38,000 views

Home Page - Over 200 views

Average Facebook Reach for ECDA Posts: 1.1K

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Anticipated Upcoming Events

Citizen's Advisory Board Committee Meetings

Tuesday June 8th, 2021

KPL 4th floor Auditorium

7pm

The Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) meets bi-monthly on the 2nd Thursday, which is streamed on the City website, Facebook, and YouTube. On the opposite months, the committees meet to discuss initiatives and projects.

Ward 7 Community Needs Assessment

TBA

Each month, the ECDA will be conducting a needs assessment in each ward, rotating to a new ward month-to-month.

Community Photo Day

June 18th & 19th All Day

ECDA will be working with community partners to collect photo content for all marketing purposes. Agenda is to create and capture the diversity and many lifestyles of the City of Kankakee.

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Anticipated Upcoming Events

Juneteenth

June 19th

Kankakee Day Celebration

June 21st

Celebrate all things Kankakee on this historically significant day! Events TBD.

ECDA Workshop

Late June TBD

June is National Homeownership month and National Healthy Homes Month. ECDA is hoping to provide workshops and feedback in late June addressiing both of these important housing initiatives.

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Grant Program Update

“A community is like a ship;
everyone ought to be prepared to take the
helm.”

—Henrik Ibsen



ECDA Projects, 2020-2021

Kankakee wards

- 1st ward
- 2nd ward
- 3rd ward
- 4th ward
- 5th ward
- 6th ward
- 7th ward

SFRP projects

- All items

LEAD projects

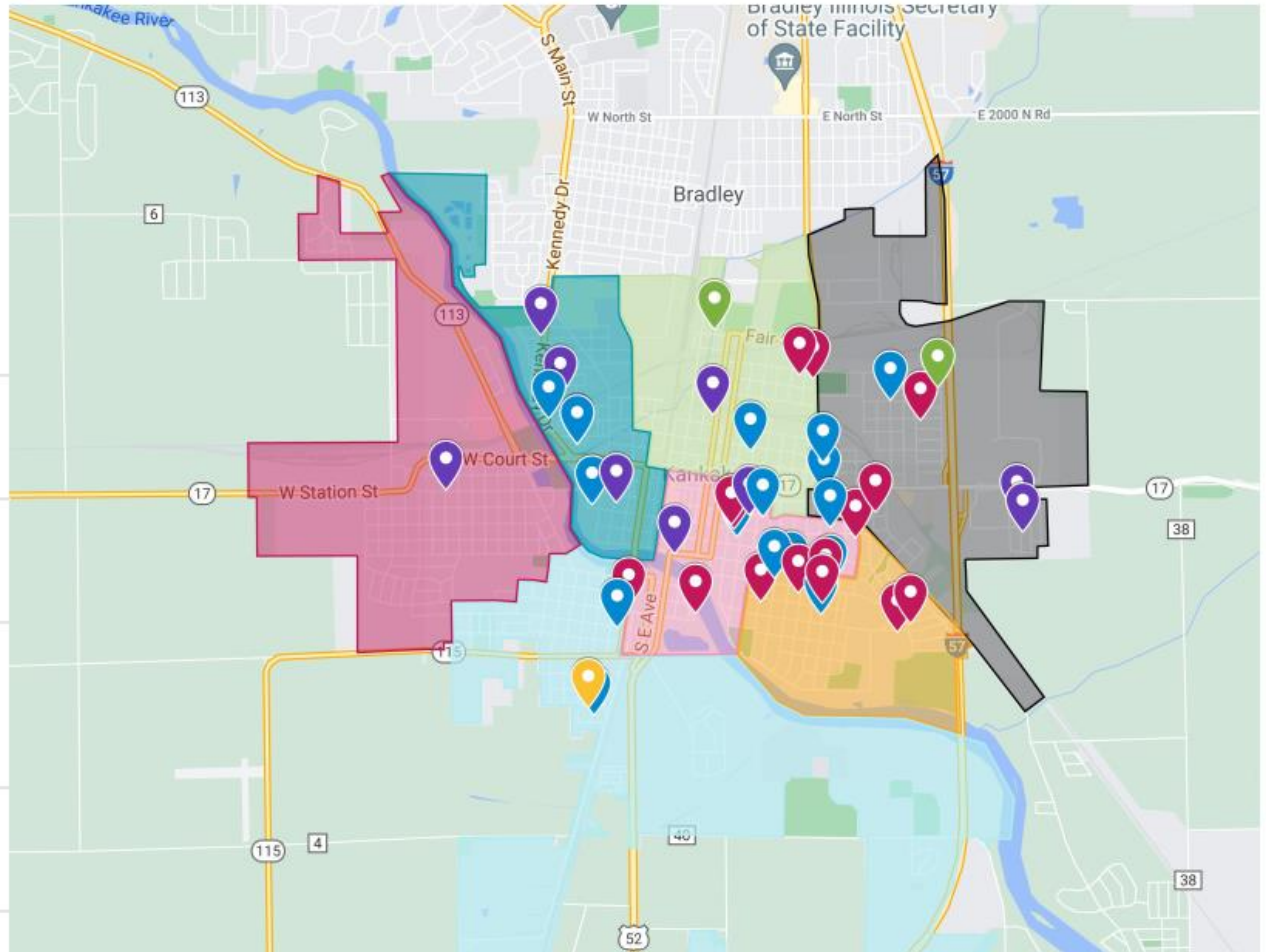
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SFR & HAP

- SFR
- HAP








Demolitions

- All items




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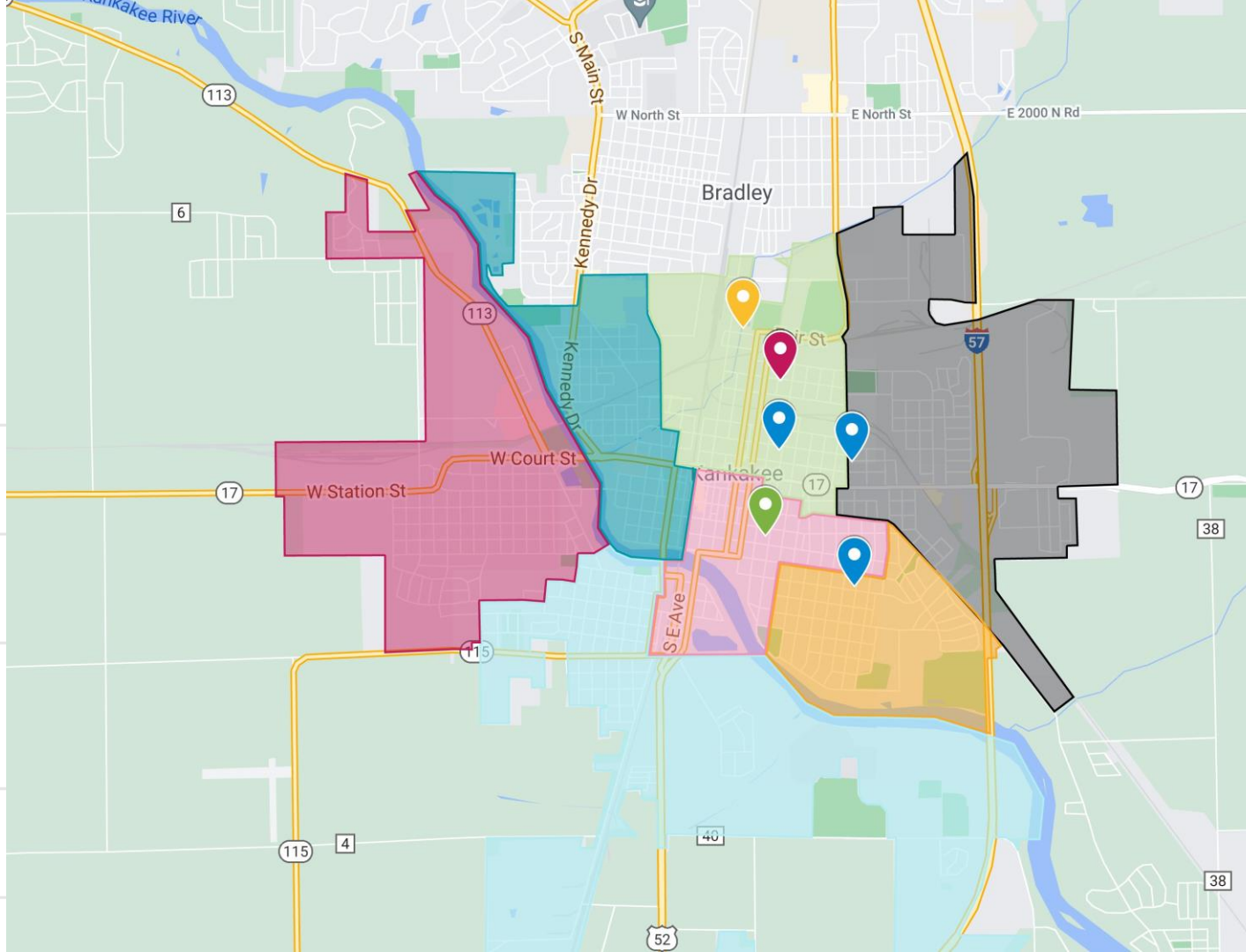




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Single Family Rehab Program

0 applications received
0 projects completed
8 on waitlist – waiting for funding

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Single Family Rehab

0 applications received
0 projects completed
5 projects in progress

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Lead Grant

1 Lead Inspection
1 Application received
8 projects in progress
1 completed

4

HAP

1 Application Received
1 Project Completed
2 projects in progress

5

Strong Communities

Working on internal/state document processing to receive funds.

6

APP

We have been awarded \$37,500.00

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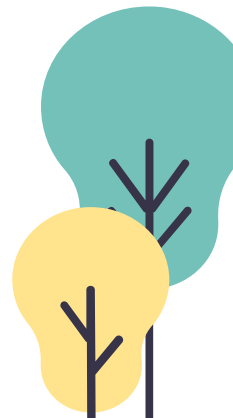
Landbank

\$145,000.00 Available
County approval on March 9.

8

R3 Grant

Awarded \$23,723.00
Equitable Housing Study



KHIP Report 2020-2021

- 3 closings in June 2020
- 7 closings in July
- 3 closings in August
- 0 closings in September
- 1 closings in October
- 1 closing in November
- 0 closings in December
- 0 closings in January
- 0 closings in February
- 0 closings in March
- 1 closing in April

• **\$40,000.00 available**



 Equal Housing Lender. NMLS #411141. To learn more, visit www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org. Member FDIC



Kankakee is Home

\$2,500 down payment
assistance to first time
homebuyer's in the City of
Kankakee

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Strong Neighborhoods House

- Roof repair going out for bid Q2 2021
- Working on MOU with
 - KSD 111
 - United Way
 - City of Kankakee
- Programming in house will resume as conditions allow

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CAB Committee's and Goals



Social Equity and Justice

Wants to work on a vacant lot project



Public Services

Work with ECDA team on CDBG allocation process to assist social service agencies in Kankakee.



Arts & Culture

A mural project outside of downtown Kankakee



Urban Development and Housing

Wants to create a vacant store front window project across the City



Public Safety

Wants to lead a community effort to encourage participation in public safety programs

Together CAB would like to work on hosting a Farmers Market type of event in other parts of the City.

PSCIP – Camera Rebate Program

\$5,000.00 Donated by:

First Trust Bank

Curtis Nugent Real Estate

Crawford's Barbershop

River Valley Recycling

Paid Out as of May 31, 2021

\$950.00

Balance Left as of May 31, 2021

\$4,050.00

Applications in process

2



Land Lord Survey – 352 Surveys distributed

66 Landlords have responded

15 Landlords Reporting no
rent in arrears.

**\$836,597.00 of rent
in arrears since
March 2020**



Selected to participate in the
Neighbor-works Eviction
Institute on 3/17/2021

Accepted into the NLC
Vacant Property Institute
application process on
5/14/2022



Bounce Back Residential

Applications

Received: 280

Completed: 25

Paid Out: \$53,512.05



Homeless Task Force – Has not met since December due to ECDA Training Schedule

Next Steps



Livability

Child Care

Researching funding opportunities to provide financial assistance to assist residents with child care expenses.

Communicating with a group of concerned child care professionals to create local solutions.



Transportation

Kankakee County Greenways & Trails Plan 2020

Met with County to go over potential bike and walk trail projects for future development.





Strategic Goals



#1 Pandemic Recovery

Facilitate or administer programs to help aid residents or businesses impacted by COVID-19


#2 Housing

- Fair Housing Training and Compliance.
- Improve Abandoned Property Strategy
- Create Comprehensive Homeless Strategy

#3 Economic Development

- Improve retention and attraction strategy
- Improve incentive programs
- Connect our community development efforts with our economic efforts

#4 Operational

- Leverage Training Opportunities
 - Improve Reporting Methods and Data Collection
 - Improve Program Timeliness
 - Improve Intern Program
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Training Take-Aways

Home Inspection

Potential to add testing for Radon to our inspection requirements.

Home Ownership Opportunities

Look into supporting the formation of a Land Trust entity to develop housing projects that provide diverse home ownership opportunities. Can work in conjunction with the Landbank.

Healthy Homes

Education to residents about healthy homes. Topics such as pest control and poison control are top of the list.

Lead

Education to residents about Lead in the house and potential water and connection to early childhood development. Topics like paint, windows, and safe drinking water are top of the list.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Topics

Neighborhood Beautification program re-development – spring 2021

Child Care Needs

- ◀ <https://www.strongnation.org/articles/1304-child-care-challenges-are-impacting-families-businesses-and-communities>
- ◀ <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/early-childhood/reports/2019/03/28/467488/child-care-crisis-keeping-women-workforce/>
- ◀ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/07/03/big-factor-holding-back-us-economic-recovery-child-care/>
- ◀ Fair Housing Commission – Training with South Suburban Housing Center on Dec. 9, 2020

Potential Housing Crisis Preparation

- ◀ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/samchandan/2020/07/25/americas-next-housing-crisis-how-the-pandemic-is-pushing-renters-to-the-brink/?sh=27bb353a1527>
- ◀ <https://www.housingwire.com/articles/the-forgiveness-crash-bros-spoke-too-soon/>
- ◀ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/struggling-rental-market-could-usher-in-next-american-housing-crisis-11603791000>

Researching Housing rehab loan program

- ◀ <https://www.localhousingsolutions.org/act/housing-policy-library/homeowner-rehabilitation-assistance-programs-overview/homeowner-rehabilitation-assistance-programs/>

OUR EVOLUTION -

THANK YOU

2018

2 Full Time Staff
HUD Correction Letter
Awarded \$3.6 million Lead Grant



2019

7 Full Time Staff
Retrieved over \$700,000.00 in unspent monies
Achieved positive timeliness status w/HUD
Awarded \$50,000.00 in IHDA Grant



2020

Maintained positive timeliness status w/HUD
Awarded \$35,000.00 in Census Grants
Awarded \$175,000.00 in IHDA Grant
Formed Citizens Advisory Board

